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In re patent application of:	)	
	)	Before the Examiner
Cary Gloodt	)	
	)	Tuan Nguyen
Serial No. 09/849,659	)	
	)	Group Art Unit 3751
Filed May 4, 2001	)	
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	September 21, 2001
PURGING WATER FROM A	)	
WHIRLPOOL SYSTEM	)	

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